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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public Utility,
for Authority to Construct Facilities and Provide Natural Gas Service
in a Portion of the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-201

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to determine whether Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) should be authorized to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in the town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. WGC filed an application on May 3, 2000, for a certificate under Wis. Stat. § 196.49(3) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03.

Because Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) and Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) have both previously received Commission authorization to provide natural gas service in the town of Wolf River,¹ the Commission is considering this application under Wis. Stat. § 196.50.

WGC is a gas public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the city of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns, including the village of Fremont, Waupaca County, which is in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project.

WGC is proposing to install approximately 1,600 feet of plastic gas main as part of this project. The project is estimated to serve six customers. The project starts at the end of an existing gas main at the intersection of Arrowhead Road and River Pines Lane in the town of Fremont, Waupaca County. From there the gas line runs south approximately 1,600 feet along River Pines Lane to STH 110. The estimated cost of the project is \$10,295.

Portions of the town of Wolf River, Winnebago County are presently being provided with natural gas service by WPSC. WGC, WPSC and WEPCO have entered into a territorial agreement assigning WGC all of sections 3 and 10 and those portions of sections 4, 5, 9, 15, 16, and 22 that are east of the Wolf River in the town of Wolf River. The extension proposed by WGC is within the area assigned to WGC in the territorial agreement. In the territorial

¹ WPSC received authority in docket 6690-CG-143. WEPCO received authority in docket 6650-CG-104.

agreement, WPSC and WEPCO have agreed that they will not furnish any gas utility service or seek the right to furnish any gas utility service within the exclusive service area assigned to WGC under the agreement.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Stemrich at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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